

Amendments to the Specification

Please add the following titles and paragraphs before the paragraph on Page 2 beginning with "A number of games incorporating...."

MULTI-PLAYER SECONDARY GAMING METHOD AND SYSTEM

CLAIM OF PRIORITY

[0000.1] The present application claims priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/424,814, entitled "Multi-player Value Wheel Game Method and Apparatus," filed on November 12, 2002.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0000.2] The present invention is related generally to gaming systems and more particularly to gaming systems and methods allowing secondary gaming for multiple players.

[0000.3] Gaming systems continue to become popular among casino gaming players. In part, this is attributable to the ever- increasing game varieties available on the market. Players appreciate new game varieties they have never played particularly when "gaming" is involved. Here, the term "gaming," "gaming devices," "gaming systems," indicates that wagering or a wagering variant is involved so players can bet money or currency equivalents (e.g., token, credit, etc.) to win more money.

[0000.4] Slot machines are examples of gaming systems that remain popular among gaming enthusiasts. A slot machine can receive money (or other value items) from a player for a chance to win more money. After the wager amount is deposited into the slot machine, the player spins the slot machine reels to display a random combination of indicia, such as numbers or symbols. If a pre-selected winning combination of indicia is displayed, the machine releases money into a payout chute or onto a credit meter for collection by the player. Returns can vary depending upon the initial wager amount. For example, if a player initially wagered two coins and that player won a high payout, that player may receive fifty coins of the same denomination in return.

[0000.5] Another popular game of chance is the wheel of fortune. It typically includes a

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rotating disk or wheel having numbers, symbols or other indicia on the wheel's face. A stationary pointer, such as a flexible resilient flipper, can point to the winning numbers when the wheel becomes stationary (after spinning).